

Fair tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness, with moderate temperature; light east winds.

The Star is the only afternoon paper in Washington that prints the news of the Associated Press.

BOATS ARE SWAMPED

Rough Water Ends the Oxford-Cambridge Contest.

IT IS DECLARED NO RACE

Crews Will Try Conclusions Again Next Monday.

DARK BLUES FINISH COURSE

But They Had Gone Ashore to Empty Their Shell, Which Disqualified Them.

Ten Years of Oxford-Cambridge Races.

Table with columns: Year, Winner, Distance won by. Lists results from 1902 to 1911.

PUTNEY, England, March 30.—The annual rowing contest between eight-oared crews representing the Oxford and Cambridge universities, which started this morning at Putney bridge, was declared no race by the umpires, in consequence of both the shells becoming waterlogged and sinking.

Oxford was robbed of what would have been an easy win by rough weather. The Cambridge shell was the first to go under water a little over a mile from the start. The boat began to ship water soon after the signal was given to start.

Delightful for Spectators.

Except for the presence of a strong westerly wind, which boating experts on the riverside estimated would give an advantage to the team which had the toss for position and selected the Surrey or southern shore, delightful weather prevailed. The course was the usual one from Putney bridge to Mortlake, a distance of four and one-quarter miles.

Oxford Favorite.

The Oxford crew, which has been the favorite for some time, even strengthened its position at the last moment. Guy Nickalls and other famous old Blues and other experts were, however, of the opinion that although they considered the Dark Blues the better crew, the great strength of the Cambridge crew made a bright picture, as everybody sported dark or light blue ribbons. When the shells were started, the Cambridge crew made a dash for the lead, and the Oxford crew, which was expected to establish a record by winning the race, was forced to follow.

Crews Soon in Trouble.

Oxford took the lead almost from the start. The Light Blues appeared nervous, and besides taking in a miniature sea owing to the choppy waves they whipped up from their own shells.

Crews and Weights.

Table with columns: Crew, Weight. Lists various crews and their respective weights.

AGREE TO CONFER

Anthracite Miners and Operators to Meet April 10.

DECISION REACHED TODAY

Now Hoped Suspension of Work Will Be Short.

IDLENESS BEGINS MONDAY

Walkout Orders Generally Will Be Heeded—Bituminous War Near End.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—As the result of telegrams exchanged today between George F. Baer, representing the operators, and John P. White and other officials of the mine workers' union, a conference will be held in this city April 10, to discuss the demands of the anthracite miners for higher wages and better working conditions.

The following is the text of a telegram received by Mr. Baer: "Message received; conference agreeable to us. Wire time and place. Satisfactory to us to convene same any time during week commencing April 8."

Hope for Short Suspension.

The announcement of the meeting has given rise to hopes that a settlement of wage and other questions will be amicably reached, and that the suspension of work in the hard coal region that will commence April 1 will be of short duration.

Work Short-handed.

Reports from all parts of the mining region today indicate that the suspension order will be generally obeyed in the hope that the period of idleness will be of short duration.

Message on Economy.

President Taft's second economy message will be sent to Congress next week. He will make recommendations, it is believed, that will lead to the saving of several millions of dollars a year in governmental expenses if Congress adopts the plan of the chief executive.

Defense Fund Increased.

At the office of LeRoy Mark it was said today that the response to the appeal for a fund for further testing the law authorizing the collection of the so-called wheel tax has been prompt and gratifying.

PASSES PRIMARY BILL.

Illinois House Adopts Measure by Unanimous Vote.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 30.—The lower house of the Illinois legislature today unanimously passed the presidential preferential primary bill.

SMITHS FAVOR TAFT

Invite Him to Family Reunion at Penfield, N. Y.

LETTERS ARE OF INTEREST

Plain People Write Chief Executive They Are Supporting Him.

J. J. HILL SEES RE-ELECTION

Railroad Magnate Thinks President Will Be Returned for Four Years More.

The Smith family around Penfield, N. Y., has come out for President Taft and wants him to attend the next annual reunion, to be held the third Saturday in July. The President has written that he fears he will not be able to attend, but if he finds the time he will be pleased to join in the festivities and pleasures he is sure will have such an occasion.

The President's many visitors today continued to cheer him with words of assurance as to the future. James J. Hill, the venerable railroad builder and manager of the northwest, spent some time with the President. Mr. Hill thinks that the President will have another four years in the White House, but he did not wish to be quoted as to his views.

POOR PICKING.

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MAKES ADVERSE REPORT ON CONDUIT ROAD BILL

Secretary of War Disapproves Improvement Suggested by Mr. Rayner.

Solely on account of the great expense involved, the Secretary of War has reported adversely on the bill introduced by Senator Rayner of Maryland appropriating \$20,000 to continue the Conduit road along the Potomac river from the Anglers' Club House to the Great Falls. In so doing the Secretary adopted the views of Col. Langfitt, the engineer officer in charge of the District water supply system, on the subject, endorsed by Gen. Bixby, chief of engineers of the army.

Views of Col. Langfitt.

"The work contemplated," said Col. Langfitt in his report on the bill, "would be a very difficult piece of road construction. Neither time nor funds are available for preparing a careful estimate, but from the data at hand it is believed that the cost of the road contemplated will be in the neighborhood of \$80,000 for labor and material alone.

Vetoes Timber Bill.

President Taft yesterday vetoed a bill providing for the sale of burnt timber on lands outside of the national forests. The President said he approved the bill, but he vetoed it because he hoped Congress would enact legislation along the same lines that would not be ambiguous, so that the Interior Department could enforce it with precision and clearness.

KNOX REACHES ST. THOMAS.

Secretary of State Sails Tonight for San Juan.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., March 30.—The United States cruiser Washington arrived here today from Santo Domingo, whence she sailed Thursday evening. Secretary of State Knox went on shore at 9 o'clock and called on Gov. Limpricht. There were no other formalities. The Secretary will sail tonight for San Juan, Porto Rico.

Survives 13,000 Volts.

READING, Pa., March 30.—The entire city was in darkness for nearly an hour early this morning, due to an accident at the central electric station to William Long, the switchboard operator, through whose body 13,000 volts passed, frightfully burning him. He still lives.

Reids Guests of King and Queen.

LONDON, March 30.—Whiteley Reid, the American ambassador in London, and Mrs. Reid lunched today at Buckingham Palace with King George and Queen Mary. The function was one of a series which their majesties have given for diplomats since their return from the durbar in India.



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POSITIVE STATEMENT MADE

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MADERO PLANNING CAMPAIGN

American Colony in City of Mexico Armed by This Government as Precaution.

The President has expressed the opinion that there is no ground for intervention in Mexico. He has not changed that belief as the result of any of the military engagements reported to have taken place in Mexico within the last few days. Consequently it can be stated positively that no steps have been taken within that time to strengthen the American military force on the border nor to prepare any expeditionary force for operations in Mexican territory.

Guns Sent to American Colony.

The only action on the part of this government which might be regarded as directly connected with the Mexican situation was the dispatch of 1,000 stands of King guns from New York to arm the little American colony of the city of Mexico. That was done upon the recommendation of Ambassador Wilson with the full consent of the Mexican government and with full assurance that the American residents are to act simply as a police force and are to support neither a governmental or rebel, in the present struggle.

Vigorous Campaign Planned.

The Madero government is preparing for a formidable campaign against the rebels in Mexico, according to a telegram received here today by one of its representatives from Juan Azcona, private secretary to President Madero. The message reads: "We are sending new forces to the north, and you can expect a decisive victory soon. The rebels are almost out of ammunition."

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